

ABSTRACT

A method for web services policy management is disclosed. In one embodiment, the method includes providing a set of policies in a policy dataset in a web services system. The policy dataset is adapted to be accessed by applications in the web services system. The policies are associated with user-defined classes and user-defined levels. One or more policies in the policy dataset are updated to provide an updated policy dataset. The updated policy dataset is accessed by an immediately subsequent activity of the applications. In another embodiment, a method for web services policy management includes detecting a flag indicative of a change, addition or deletion in one or more policies in a web services system. The policies are in a database that is configurable to associate policies with user-defined classes and user-defined levels. At least the one or more policies is uploaded in run-time for application to subsequent activities within the web services system. The said change, addition or deletion may be associated with a predefined set of classes and or levels of policies.